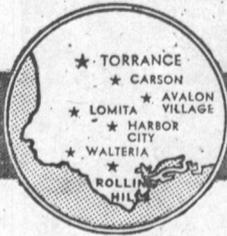


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JEWELER'S SUICIDE SHOCKS

First State Building to Open Friday

The first public state building in Torrance will open tomorrow, Friday, when the California Department of Employment moves into its new headquarters at 1220 Engracia Ave.

Long housed at 2007 Carson St., in offices leased from Torrance pioneer Sam Levy, the department is managed by Murray Love, heading 58 full time employees.

Designed by state architects, the new building contains 12,000 square feet. It was constructed by the Ruane Corporation of San Gabriel, of brick and steel. Air-conditioning and public restrooms are noteworthy features, Love declared. Built with state funds, the new department headquarters here cost \$125,000.

The state purchased the land 10 years ago, Love announced, with the city using the area as a parking lot prior to the building.

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FIRST STATE BUILDING—Torrance's brand new Department of Employment building opens tomorrow, Friday, at 1220 Engracia

Ave., with an invitation to inspect the premises extended by Manager Murray Love.

Shovels to Fly for New Business

Groundbreaking for a \$800,000 restaurant, bar and coffee shop will be held today, 10 a.m., at Redondo Beach and Hawthorne Blvds.

Under construction by Russ, Gene and Jim Alontis, owners of the new Chief's Restaurant, the business will cover 10,000 square feet.

and on which the structure will rise was leased from the Bay Point Development Co. Mayor Albert Isen, Torrance and Redondo Beach officials will join in the groundbreaking ceremonies, aided by a covey of models from the area.

Kegley, Westphal, Arboast and Stewart are architects of the restaurant. Completion date is set for May 1, 1961.

School Opening Forecasts Record Student Turnout

Nearly 2000 new students will bombard Torrance schools Wednesday, Sept. 14, when they re-open for the fall term, according to Superintendent J. H. Hull.

Nearly 27,000 students are expected back to their classes for the next 10 months. When schools closed last spring, enrollment was about 25,000.

Some 5500 high school and 21,350 elementary students are expected to be enrolled in the district's three high schools and 31 elementary schools.

Two new elementary schools, Towers, 5600 Towers, and Madison, 17515 Amie Ave., will open for the first time. Towers will relieve double sessions at Flavian and Steele Schools, while Madison is designed to help crowded Perry and Carr Schools.

Staffing the schools will be 1008 certificated personnel, including teachers and administrators, and 516 non-teach-

Bank Vice Prexy Addresses Group

Speaking to members of the Chamber of Commerce, Conrad C. Jamison, vice president of Security First National Bank, Torrance, will be featured at the monthly breakfast meeting.

Also attending will be James E. Shelton, chairman, board of directors; Harry S. Meily, vice president; Roy Hartmann, assistant vice president; Gilbert A. Pando, manager, North Torrance Branch; and James J. Weigel, manager, downtown Torrance branch.

Visiting Vips from Japan Say U. S. Women Free

"Ah, so, honorable department store managah, is not way we do things in Japan," announced 17 visiting Japanese "VIPS," bowing low to their host, Broadway's Bill Belding, as they sat down to lunch.

Presidents of small department stores throughout Japan, the Japanese Trade Delegation toured Torrance this week. Sponsored by the State Department with the aid of the International Cooperation Administration, the group explored the Del Amo Shopping Center.

Earlier this month they had toured Washington, D. C., New York, Boston, Chicago, Dallas and San Francisco.

Interested in stores' normal mark-up, size of inventories, the stocking and distribution of goods, the Japanese were particularly impressed with the freedom of American women and the fact that many of the fair sex hold down executive positions here.

The youthful age of most of the customers in the shopping center, and the open-selling fixtures enabling buyers to select what they want without clerical help, also astonished the delegation.

"We have beatnicks in Japan, too," one spokesman remarked smilingly, as he saw barefoot, uncombed youngsters rushing around the stores.

"Some of our Japanese women are even wearing capri-pants, but..." one delegate halted.

President of the group, Yaseumon Kikuchi, the team leader from Fukuoka-Ken, head of the Izutsuya Ltd. Department Store, and the State Department's assistant project manager, William Alvarez, thanked their hosts for the lunch.

Bowing low again, they wished their hosts "Sayonara" as they snapped away (Continued on Page A2)

Early Morning Crash Kills Torrance Man

Torrance's third fatality of the year careened into a statistic early Tuesday morning with the death of Horace Eric Salmon.

Speeding south on Crenshaw Blvd. a few minutes before 2 a.m., Mrs. Genevieve Dorothy Salmon, 27, 22609 Marjorie St., Torrance, swerved into the dirt divider, skidded 143 feet, and smashed into a parked car, sending it hurtling 108 feet.

Her estranged husband, Horace Eric Salmon, 1623 W. 203 St., in the passenger's seat of the 1950 Ford 2-door coupe, was hurled forward, breaking the windshield with his head.

Mrs. Salmon was pinned under the dashboard, and wrapped around the steering wheel.

A witness driving down the street called the police department, and rushed to aid Mrs. Salmon.

Officers Eugene Gillette and reserve Officer Dave Large, on the scene a few minutes later, with patrolmen Jim Doyle and Tom Lloyd, reported they had to use crow bars to get the rear seat out of the coupe, to extract the couple from the wreckage.

Both cars were totally demolished.

Both the Salmons were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, where Dr. James F. Robinson operated on Salmon, opening his chest for heart massage. Salmon was pronounced dead at 3:59 a.m.

Mrs. Salmon is in moderate condition, hospital officials announced, suffering minor injuries.

Council OK's \$7,695,580 City Budget

The largest annual budget in Torrance's history was adopted this week by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

Totalling \$7,695,580 and covering the period from July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961, the budget is a final one. The "working" budget had been adopted late in June, according to Jerome Scharfman, Director of Finance for the city.

The budget is in contrast with last year's amount which totalled \$6,277,161.

Total rate of taxes levied upon all property within the boundaries of the city is \$1.288, city manager George Stevens, announced.

Breakdown of the rate of taxes includes: for general municipal purposes, .974; library, .064; to pay obligations of the city to the state employees' retirement system, .150; for payment of principal and interest maturing on Municipal Improvement Bonds, series 1954, .012; principal and interest, Municipal Bonds, series 1955, .028; parks, playgrounds and recreational centers, .060.

The council also agreed that no levy of taxes be made for this fiscal year for special assessment districts covering Improvement District 1, and Water District 1, 2, and 3.

The \$1.28 tax per \$100 assessed valuation is below the average in comparison with other cities, and is the same as last year, despite the increased budget, George Stevens, city manager, announced.

Young Cyclists Held for Theft

Police Department today reported the arrest of two motorcyclists Tuesday afternoon at Toledo and Highway 101, zooming down the road on stolen cycles.

The men, Ted William Harris, 21, unemployed laborer from San Fernando Valley, and Garry Wayne Cline, 20, unemployed body man of North Hollywood, are spending the day in jail, while police check out a possible theft ring.

Worked in Area Past 26 Years

Time ran out for a Torrance watch repairman Tuesday morning as he committed suicide by gas at his San Pedro home.

The deceased, Richard George Augustus Braunschweig, 52, who had been employed with Howard's Jewelers, 1503 Cabrillo, was found by Tommy Wilkes, fellow worker.

Wilkes said he went to the home of Braunschweig after his co-worker failed to show up for work without notice.

After pounding on the

door with no response, Wilkes forced his way into the building. There he found the repairman dead.

He had committed suicide by gassing himself from an outlet to the floor heater.

Braunschweig had worked for the jewelers for 27 years. He was a bachelor, with his only relatives in Germany.

Braunschweig had resided at 661 W. 38th St., San Pedro. Spokesmen from the store and fellow workers said they knew of no motive for the suicide.



QUEEN-PICKING TIME—The loveliest girls throughout Waverly were tensing this week, as selection of the annual Waverly Roundup Days' beauty contest neared. Event is slated Sept. 9. Here contestant Sachi Ishihara poses with Tom Jones, chairman.

General Services Study 26 Acres

Spurred on by a public outcry, aided by the Torrance Press, the General Service Administration showed up in Torrance this week for a reappraisal of the 26-acre Naval Depot site.

The site, declared surplus recently, had been relegated for sale to private industry as "best serving the public interest," despite ur-

gent requests by the Torrance Unified School District

to obtain the land for future planning. Appearing here to reacquaint themselves with the entire question were E. A. Saylor Jr., acting chief, disposal branch, GSA, from San Francisco; Jesse W. Evans, chief, acquisition and disposal branch, Los Angeles; R. T. Hollingsworth, GSA realty officer; and Ralph M. Hultz, appraiser.

Hull Explains Issue J. H. Hull, superintendent, explained to the GSA officials that the Torrance situation differed from any other community in that residential land is just as expensive as industrial land here.

GSA officials were of the opinion that residential or agricultural land was available in the Torrance area, to be purchased at a lower cost for potential school buildings.

Hull also explained that no other nearby land was available to expand for future high school construction.

Assuming that the Torrance School District was "wealthy" because voters had approved a \$15,000,000 bond issue in 1958, GSA spokesmen were also informed by Hull that the money had been used and earmarked for construction since that date.

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SEE HERE, WASHINGTON—Torrance Unified School District's Superintendent J. H. Hull explains the facts concerning the controversial 26-acre surplus plot to General Services Administration disposal chief from San Francisco, E. A. Saylor Jr.

Valuable Prizes Offered in Kiwanis Vote Contest

A chance to win 3 girls' bicycles, 3 boys' bicycles and 10 portable transistor radios is being offered youngsters throughout the area in a brand new "Get Out The Vote" contest.

Sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, the contest opens today, and will end Sept. 17.

The contest is simple, with nothing to buy and no box-tops to send in, according to Torrance Kiwanis Club President Ray Noel.

Youngsters from 7 to 14 are eligible. In twenty five words or less write why you think it is important for our country that every eligible man and woman register and vote in the coming elections.

Fill out the entry blank here on this page of the Torrance Press, and mail it to the Torrance Press, 3238 Sepulveda, or bring it in and deposit it in person. Free entry blanks are also available in the downtown Torrance stores.

Deadline for the return of the essays is Sept. 17. Winners will be announced and

Red Cross Unit Here Sept. 1

Torrance residents will have the opportunity to donate blood on Thursday, Sept. 1, when the Red Cross bloodmobile visits the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave.

Hours for our September bloodmobile will be from 2:30 to 7 p.m., according to Mrs. Robert Orsini, 1519 Beech Ave., blood chairman.

"GET OUT AND VOTE" ENTRY BLANK

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Age _____

"WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO GET OUT THE VOTE THIS YEAR"

